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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
City of Mexico, Mexico, April 9, 1900.

Mr. AMBASSADOR: I have had the honor to receive your excellency's note of the 7th instant, with a copy of a telegram from the Hon. James D. Phelan, mayor of the city of San Francisco, Cal., in which he reports that said port is absolutely free from the bubonic plague.

I have informed the department of government of this fact. I renew, etc.,
IGNO. MARISCAL.

His Excellency POWELL CLAYTON.

Smallpox in Guadalajara.

CITY OF MEXICO, MEXICO, *April 21, 1900.*

SIR: I give you below copy of a letter received from E. B. Light, United States consular agent, Guadalajara.

I have to inform you that smallpox in epidemic form exists in this city and surrounding towns. I am informed that there are now 150 cases in the City Hospital. On Monday Mrs. Jacob Stocke, of St. Louis, Mo., died of what is known as the black smallpox, which she is supposed to have become infected with while in Mexico City. There are a large number of deaths daily from this disease among the natives. There is but one case to my knowledge among the Americans, one who was sent to the hospital a few days since.

Respectfully,

ANDREW D. BARLOW,
United States Consul-General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *April 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I arrived here yesterday from Port Limon, Costa Rica, reported at the consulate, and resumed duties.

I have called on the health officials of the city and secured the following information in regard to the health conditions of the port: January, 13 cases, 5 deaths; February, 4 cases, 2 deaths; March, 1 case, no deaths; April to date, 4 cases, 2 deaths, from yellow fever.

January, 5 cases, 2 deaths; February, 16 cases, 9 deaths; March, 17 cases, 11 deaths; April to date, 7 cases, 7 deaths, from smallpox.

The yellow fever situation seems to be better than it was at this time last year, but the indications point to another epidemic this summer. On account of the number of inhabitants rendered immune during the past epidemic, it will be hardly possible to have as many cases as during the past year. The immigration to this port during the past few months has been considerable. There are 2 new regiments of soldiers just arrived from the interior, and there are prisoners being constantly sent here from the higher altitudes. These two conditions are enough in themselves to keep fuel constantly added to the flames. There has been an influx of workmen for the public works and they are generally non-immune foreigners or natives.

I am unable to learn the amount of infection from smallpox that exists in the city nor do I think it possible for me to ascertain.

All known smallpox cases are sent to the pesthouse and the consequence is that many cases are not seen or reported by the physicians until just before or after death. The people can not be blamed much for concealing the cases for there is no physician at the pesthouse.

Article 64 of the Mexican quarantine rules and regulations, which